

HOUSE RESOLUTION 244
By Ridgeway

A RESOLUTION to honor Representative Roy Herron for his
years of outstanding service as a member of the
General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should honor those colleagues who during their tenure in the General Assembly have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion, and whose professionalism and competence will serve as a benchmark for future legislators; and

WHEREAS, Representative Roy Brasfield Herron has been a great presence on Capitol Hill for a decade, beginning with the 95th General Assembly in 1986, and his illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment of the 1996 session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, serving Carroll and Weakley Counties with integrity and probity, Representative Herron has distinguished himself as a highly respected leader and an effective public servant; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the Health and Human Resources Committee and Vice-Chair of the Oversight Committee on TennCare, Representative Herron has worked tirelessly to reform health care policy in our great state; he has also served as an officer and member of the Judiciary Committee and served other committees and subcommittees with peerless distinction during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, born in Martin, Tennessee, the son of Chancellor Grooms Herron and Mary Brasfield Herron, Roy Herron grew up in Dresden, where he was educated in the public schools;

he attended the University of Tennessee at Martin where he was student government president, played basketball and graduated with highest honors in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Representative Herron was the distinguished recipient of a Rotary International Scholarship in 1975, which enabled him to study at the University of Saint Andrews in Scotland for a year; he returned to Tennessee in 1976 to enter Vanderbilt University, where he earned his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Jurisprudence in 1980; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Roy Herron began practicing law in Carroll County, then opened his own office in Dresden; his interest in politics began soon after as he was one of two West Tennessee Field Directors for Al Gore's campaign for the U.S. Senate in 1984; and

WHEREAS, previous to his exemplary tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Herron had already established a lofty reputation for commitment to his fellow man through his participation in civic matters; he is a member of the Weakley and Carroll County Chambers of Commerce, co-founder of CrimeStoppers, and a member of Rotary International and Habitat for Humanity; Representative Herron is also an adjunct faculty member at Vanderbilt University; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Representative Herron enjoys the love and support of his wife, the former Nancy Carol Miller, and their three children; and

WHEREAS, for ten years Representative Herron has provided this General Assembly with wisdom, incredible insight, leadership and energy that will seldom be equaled, never surpassed, and, without question, will be greatly missed; and

WHEREAS, it is now highly appropriate that the friends and colleagues of this outstanding public servant should honor him and recognize his numerous contributions to the good of our great state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Representative Roy Herron for his exemplary service to Tennessee, and we honor him for his distinguished career with this General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.